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Behold a babe within a manger lay.

Not on soft down, but on the coarsest hay:
Yet over him the angels fondly smile!
His fame and glory long shall shine afar, Countiess millions sing of Bethlehem's star Years after Kings of earth dissolve in dust Name above every name in earth or sky. Jesus, Immanuel, God ever nigh, Lord of all glory whom we love and trust : Though wordly honors, names and fame mu He everlasting is, and rules on high.

## A PHONOGRAPH'S EVIDENCE. It Clears the Inventor's Son from

In the vicinity of Manchester a stately old mansion, balf hidden between the dense foliage of clustering and lofty trees, has been for years the residence of Mr. Suart Canliffe. Although a mil-lionaire that gentleman devoted so much of his time to electrical and other scien fic experiments in which he was a erply interested, that he not unfr quently spent days and nights in his borst iry, barely interrupting his la-

According to his most in imate acquaintances some of his discoveriers would not be disowned by Edison, and since the death of his wife, which ocwould not be used.

since the death of his wife, which occurred three years ago, he had given his entire attention to the completion of an invention, the nature of which was a invention, the nature of which was a sufficient matter of the morning the wounded man was invention, the nature of which was a sufficient matter of the morning the wounded man was sufficient matter of the morning the wounded man was sufficient matter of the morning the wounded man was invention, the nature of which was a sufficient matter of the morning the wounded man was invention, the nature of which was a sufficient matter of the morning the wounded man was invention, the nature of which was a sufficient matter of the morning the wounded man was invention, the nature of which has father.

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there need be no cause for alarm. Reginald insisted that he retire to his room, but the old man was obdurate, and pre-ferred siting an hour or two in his lab-

Szeing that entreaties as well as exestulations were of no avail Reginald ecided to send for the family physician. Le called for Watkins, but it would ave taken more than the human voice o arouse the old attendant from his dumbers. So, seizing his hat, he rushed out of the house and started at a rapid sible !

inventor dragged himself toward the hox which had aroused Reginald's anger. After carefully opening it be bowed his head and bent his lips toward it.

No lover ever spoke in more endearing therms to his mistress than that old man hard to the mysterious apparatus. Suddenly he started. He felt instinctively sed to the mysterious apparatus. Sud-ienly he started. He felt instinctively hat some one was behind him. Turnng around he beheld the figure of a man. The glaring eyes and lurid ex-pression of the intruder's countenance t first sent a thrill of terror through hi

entire frame. The features, however, were familiar enough, for Laurence Cunliffe stood before him.

"How you startled me?" "jaculated Stuart. "Why, my dear brother, when did you arrive? Who let you in?"

"I found the front door open," coldly answered Lawrence. "I see that I have ome none too soon to save you from verlasting damnation. All your so The insp alled inventions were prompted by the the door.

ground, where he remained quivering I remember that, during the struggle, we were both hending over it. Heaved HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF VER-

ground, where he remained quivering but silent.

Finding no further opposition Laurence stared wildly at the proatrate body for a moment, then with a savage yell bounded out of the open window.

When Reginel's, accompanied by the doctor, alighted from the latter's car riage, he led the way to the laboratory, where a terrible spectacle-swaited them.

In a corner of the room, between the upset furniture and shattered implements, lay the apparently lifeless bely covered with blood, of S uart Cunliffe. Reginald stood paralysed with painful surprise. The physician seized the wounded man's pulse.

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The inspector began to think that the General Room, Grand army of Title Brattleboro, In the displayed his latest invention—an improved phonograph. Bending over the instrument he set it in motion, and the inspector distinctly heard it utter:

Laurence! Broder! Heave metrod.

Cunliffe unlocked the lid with a key fastened to a string which hung around his neck and, trembling with emotion, he displayed his latest invention—an improved phonograph. Bending over the inspector distinctly heard it utter:

Laurence! Brother! Heave metrod.

Kell you if yes! I'll kill you, you will be present as the gues carry for fare one way.

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Laurence! Brother! Heave metrod.

World you kill me? Ob! Laurence!

To leave metrod.

inventions; his ind fference on the subject now possively turned to hatred, when he raised the emac ated form which hay senseless at his feet.

Had his hands been free he would have pitched out of the window that mysterious little box, over which his father had seer filed his health, if not life. Unclude the last some brandy the last subject to the subject of the life. Then turning the ward Cunlifie:

'I have ascertained that, excepting a difference of opinion on religious mather than the last subject to the interest of the last subject to the interest and handed a dispatch to the interest and h

father had see fired his bealth, if not his life. Luckily he had some brandy in a flesk, which he had purchased at the railway station before he left London. Under the effect of the stimulani Mr. Cunliffe gradually revived. He tried to reassure his his son by informing him that he had been subject to fainting fits for some time, and that there need be no cause for alarm. Registree that with he had been heard some what reflects the tried to reassure his his son by informing him that he had been subject to fainting fits for some time, and that there need be no cause for alarm. Registree that with he has not been heard. Watkins that your health was impaired. Since that visit he has not been heard from. Now, tell me, was he a witness

losely related."
"I do not understand you." "Learn, then, that your assailant no only attempted to murder you, but actually killed your brother." "Laurence murdered! Can it be pos-

n his excitement that he would have to well on the high road, near Randolph's walk several miles before reaching his house. According to the inquest, his No sooner had he departed than the inventor dragged himself toward the before or after you were attacked. Your brother had no enemies or finances. After corefully complete the before or after you were attacked.

"Your reluctance to name the culprit added to the evidence which I possess, only confirms my suspicions. It is, therefore, my duty to place your son

"Arrest Reginald! No! no! You will not do that! My son is innocent." The inspector then exhibited a glove. "This is the glove the detectives found near Randolph's house. It also belonge to your son. I found its mate in one of his pockets. Whether he threw your brother loto the well before he attacked you will be ascertained before long." The inspector bowed and moved toward

MONT, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,

Because you have come here to give is an article stating the causes of Uleveland's defeat. "Oh, no, I haven't, I have a paper

oad drainage. The astonished managing editor sprang Since that visit he has not been heard from. Now, tell me, was he a witness to his feet, and, after placing a gold to the assault?

"A witness?" gasped the old man.
"Do not attempt to thwartthe ends of justice by shielding the guilty, however closely related."

"A witness of placing a gold chain about the visitor's neck, conducted him to a seat of honor, bowed before him and said: "Most high and mighty genius of originality, I am thy slave."

Publisher (to managing color) placing a gold chain about the visitor's neck, conducted him to a seat of honor.

Oh, no; in the next one he will ask or a s tuation on your paper." A young lady went into the office of a titerary magazine.
"I have a pretty story," she said to the editor. "It is striking and strictly

original."
"Leave it," the editor groaned. "Let me read it to you,"
"Not if you value your life!" the edi-

"I said that I must go home to my

buys the hat and marries him," the edi-

tor exclaimed. "Oh, no. That night the factory catches fire is burned up." "What! does no one rescue the hat and marry the girl ?"

"Miss, your fortune is made.

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THE SCHOOLMASTERS.

The Twenty-second Annual Engampment of the Department of Vermont will be held at Braitleboro, Thursday and Friday, Feb. 14th and 15th, 1888. The encampment will meet at 11 o'clock A. M., Feb. 14th at the Town Hall. Commander-in-Chief Wm. Warner will be present as the guest of the Encampment.

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"Yes'm."

"Needu't hurry any, but just drop in if it's convenient."

When the crowd came over they found the volunteer lying on his back in the rear yard, unconscious and his nose broken, and the wife said—

"Hawarted august and was new to be government. The sum paid into the Treasury for taxes that year was \$39."

92.36, and \$9.450,000 was derived from other sources making the total revenue of the state \$49,492.45. Taking the census of 1830, the annual sum which each individual of the state paid for the protection of his person and property and the inose broken, and the wife said—
"He wanted supper and was ugly about it, so I laid him out with a flat iron."

And an hour later when the poor man felt of his nose and wasted to know who was to pay damages, echo sadly answered "Who?"—Detroit Free Press.

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Publisher (to managing editor)—Here is a letter from a newspaper man in Milwaukee highly commending our cause.

Managing Editor—When did you get it?

"Today."

"Tomorrow he will write another one."

"Not on the same subject, of course."

"Oh, no; in the next one he will ask for a stuation on your paper."

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pense of the state government was then a little less than 50,000 annually. Now the appropriations for the support of the state government for the two years end ing June, 30 1890, amount to \$1,150,000 -more than 11 times as much annually as it cost in 1830. And yet in 1830 the If Eve S 1 ist and Adam S 1 2, would grand list of the state, without the aid of the total be 1623?
George Washington says: Eve S 1 4 dam and Adam S 1 2 4 Eve: together the same that it is is 1888.—M. O. Howe in Brutileboro Phoenic.

HOW GEORGIA REPUBLICANS ARE TREATED. The Chicago Tribune has the origina of a letter writen to a gentlemen of that

1 2 4 2 keep Eve company. Total, 80, 282,056.

Everybody is wrong again. Eve, when she 8 1, 8 1 2 many, and probably felt sorry for it, but her companion, in order to relieve her sorrow. 8 1 2. Therefore, Adam, if. 8 1, 1 4 2 4 2 fy Eve's depressed spirit. Hence both ate 81,896,054 apples.

WHAT A PRETTY BABY.

Is it a boy or girl? How often do we problem of a letter writen to a gentlemen of that city by a white resident of Georgia who have been a Hepublican from youth and voted a Republican ticket at the late election, coming very near paying for the stemerity with his life. The letter runs; Therefore, Adam, if. 8 1, 1 4 2 4 2 fy Eve's depressed spirit. Hence both ate 81,896,054 apples.

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well be accretioned before long.

"All your proper time is mode." The problem of the window one after the window o

"I want to get a money order," sha said, thrusting her head through the window intended for her face alone.
"Make out an application, then," re-plied the clerk. "You'll find the blanks on the desk back of you."
"What application? I just want to send \$15 to—"
"Fill out the blank," interrupted the "Fill out the blank," interrupted the clerk, handing her one. out 100 members of the Massachu "I-I-will you please fill it out for setts Schoolmasters' Club dined at the Hotel Brunswick on Saturday and lis-tened to an interesting address by Mr. Eiwin D. Mead on the lessons of the re-cent municipal election. Mr. Mead said: W "I can't. It's against the rules. You must fill it out yourself,"
"Oh, dear me, I don't believe I can,
What do you do first?" Write the date." "Where?

THE PEMININE WAY, COSTON'T Itles Experienced by a Woman in

amor, bullt up the remainder of the common the same conceit.

One of the crowd said he'd cheerfully go, and go he did, while the others posted themselves in front. By and by a woman came to the door, looked up and down, and said to a boy who was managing editor's room.

"Look here!" exclaimed the manages about, "do you "Look here!" exclaimed the manages about, "do you "Tyes"m."

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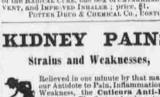
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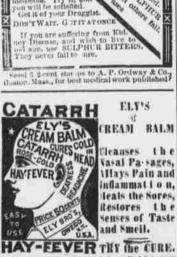
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however, on the strength of the theory that the antediluvians were a race of giants, reason something like this. Eve 8 1 and Adam 8 2; total, 163. Wrong again. What coul i bal clearer than if Eve 5 1 and Adam 8 1 2 the

Adam and Adam 8124 Eve : together bey got away with 8,938. But Eve 8 14 Adam, Adam 8 1 2 4 2 "Well, let me tell you a part of the story. A young girl is working in a hat factory. One day she stirches her name in the bat—"
"And afterward meets the fellow who buys the hat and marries him." the set. blige Eve. Total 82,056,

If Eve S i 1st and Adam S 1 2, would at the total be 1 623?

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